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Mr. Eric Bowman
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STAT Dear

One of the few things I knew prior to coming to FBIS is that our affiliation with BBC is a keystone supporting our operation. I look forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship during my term as Director of FBIS. My first trip as FBIS Director will be to see you in Caversham. I am tentatively planning the trip for November or early December, with the primary purpose of meeting you and your staff and viewing my first FBIS overseas installation.

STAT I do not plan to make any major changes in the way FBIS and BBC have traditionally carried out their coordination. Regular annual meetings in addition to trips by FBIS managers to London seem sufficient to ensure that we keep up with each other's plans. I shall continue to rely on to keep us both informed of day-to-day issues between our organizations.

During some of my previous incarnations in this agency, I have had the pleasure of working with FBIS managers in planning and budgeting for the modernization program. Modernization is a means of improving our traditional services and keeping up with the demands of changing technologies and consumer demands. I strongly support this program and intend to mount a strong defense against the mounting budgetary pressures to modify the program. I look forward to working with you to ensure that the modernization plans of FBIS and the Monitoring Service work to our mutual benefit to improve our traditional relationship.

STAT I have had a chance to discuss some of our plans with Please discuss with him any problems or concerns you may have, including issues you might like to discuss during my visit later in the year. I look forward to meeting you at that time.

Sincerely,

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Director

cc: Chief, London Bureau

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